

EVENTS OF THE CENTURY



*An eager century beckons
To the new land of the West,
And sturdy, soldier-souls of Christ
Stand ready for the Quest.*

*In the front ranks of the vanguard,
With zeal and courage shod,
Comes gallant Mother Theodore
—Pioneer of God!*

1840-1940

- 1840—Oct. 22. The arrival of Mother Theodore and five companions. (Martin Van Buren, President of the United States.)
 Oct. 23. First Mass.
- 1841—July 4. Mary le Noble, first pupil, arrived.
 Nov. 15. Sister St. Francis Xavier arrived.
- 1842—Dec. 25. First High Mass sung in the convent.
- 1843—Dec. 25. New Church for Village and Community. (Sunday services formerly held in Father Corbe's parlor.)
- 1847—Jan. 28. Death of Sister Mary Liguori.
- 1848—Aug. 26. First elections held. Mother Theodore's appointment as Superior General confirmed.
- 1849—Sisters engaged in caring for cholera victims in Madison and Ft. Wayne.
 Aug. 6. Father di Maria, first Jesuit to give retreat.
- 1850—Sisters volunteer to care for cholera victims at Vincennes.
- 1852—June 13. Feast of Corpus Christi, Cornerstone of new Convent laid.
- 1854—Oct. 8. Railroad cars pass through St. Mary's for the first time.
- 1855—Nov. 10. First daily mail.
- 1856—May 14. Death of Mother Theodore.
- 1858—Feb. 22. Little Providence, nursery of community, burned to ground.
- 1860—Aug. 15. Cornerstone of new Academy laid.
 Address by Rev. Bede O'Connor, O.S.B.
- 1861—Mar. 31. Convent cemetery is staked off. First sewing machine acquired.
- 1863—Aug. 15. The Professed Sisters number one hundred.
- 1868—July 2. Statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph installed in Providence front grounds.
- 1874—Apr. 10. Privilege of First Friday Communion enjoyed for first time.
- 1876—June 21. St. Ann's Chapel, rebuilt in stone, is finished.
 July 25. First annual St. Ann's Procession.

- 1880—Mar. 4. Permission for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve received from Holy Father.
- 1881—Jan. 16. First ceremony of devotion to Holy Face established. Procession.
- 1881—Sept. 20. Providence Convent bell the first bell in Vigo county to toll for President Garfield.
- Dec. 12. Death of Sister Mary Joseph le Fer de la Motte.
- 1883—Nov. . Privilege of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday received.
- 1886—Sept. 14. Cornerstone of new church was laid.
- 1887—June 27. Word received that Holy Rules were approved May 26th.
- 1888—Sept. 1. Second Novitiate first opened.
- 1889—Feb. 7. Providence Convent, planned by Mother Theodore, burnt to the ground.
- 1890—Oct. 22. Golden Jubilee of our community in America.
- 1891—June 24. Alumnae Association formed.
- Dec. 8. Dedication of new chapel.
- 1892—Mar. 22. Coal discovered on grounds while boring for oil or gas.
- 1894—Apr. 9. Final approbation of Holy Rules.
- 1897—Aug. 15. Veil becomes permanent part of our costume.
- 1898—Jan. 19. Statue of St. Michael placed in ravine.
- 1898—Oct. 21. Opening of new academy.
- 1901—Dec. 1. Continuous recital of the Rosary on Retreat Sunday inaugurated.
- 1902—Oct. 5. Monthly Rosary Procession introduced.
- 1904—Jan. 1. New novitiate building blessed.
- 1906—Apr. 26. Permission for Exposition on First Sunday granted.
- 1907—Apr. 4. Seven Dolor Stations erected in Crypt.
- Oct. 23. Consecration of church by Msgr. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate.
- Dec. 3. Translation of Mother Theodore's, Sister St. Francis Xavier's and Sister Mary Joseph's remains to Crypt.
- 1908—Jan. 9. Holy Hour introduced.

- 1908—Dec. 5. Preliminary meeting for introduction of Mother Theodore's cause.
- 1910—Dec. 2. Consecration of chimes (eleven bells).
- 1912—Apr. 1. Post office name changed from St. Mary's to St. Mary-of-the-Woods.
- Nov. Our first auto replaces the carriage.
- 1913—Oct. 11. Apostolic Delegate, Msgr. Bonzano and Msgr. Cerretti, Sec., arrive for dedication of new College and Conservatory.
- 1918—Oct. 6. National Flag placed in sanctuary.
- 1920—Sept. 29. First six Sisters leave for China.
- 1924—May 19. Exposition Chapel consecrated by Bishop Chartrand.
- Aug. 27. 640 Masses this week. Priests' first retreat here.
- Sept. 10. Regional Convention of Priests' Eucharistic League held at St. Mary's.
- Sept. Permission granted for daily Benediction.
- 1926—Mar. Purchase of Ladywood.
- 1928—Dec. 27. Death of Mother Mary Cleophas.
- 1931—June 9. Closing of Academy.
- 1932—Dec. 8. Only time profession of Perpetual Vows taken on this date.
- 1933—Dec. 8. Death of Bishop Chartrand.
- Aug. 15. Provinces formed.
- 1934—July 2. Formal opening of Anaheim Convent.
- Sept. 26. First vesture of habit in Maryhurst.
- 1935—Two missions in North Carolina.
- 1936—Oct. 2. Visit of Bishop Taconi from China.
- 1937—Jan. 27. Evansville and New Albany in flood area.
- Feb. 12. First profession at Anaheim, Calif.
- 1937—June 26. Church renovated.
- Aug. 19. St. Joseph High School closed.
- 1938—Nov. 2. Out-door Way of the Cross erected.
- 1939—St. Luke laboratory established.